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ADDRESS BY MR. MATHEWS

At the annual memorial services of the Order of Elks, at Charleston, Mr. W. G. Mathews delivered the eulogy. We reproduce it from the Charleston Mail.

"No creed, and no religion has ever held permanent or long enduring sway over either the hearts or minds of mankind which taught as its doctrine, or had place in its tenets for the belief in the mortality of the soul.

"Whether in the modern creed of Mohammed, the older religions of Buddha and Confucius, the ancient worship of Zoroaster, or the divinely gentle teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, the exceptions are apparent only and not real. Through each and through all runs the limped, steady and persistent stream teaching that it is not the whole of life to live, nor all of death to die.

"Taught, or recognized, by all religions, the widespread and almost universal belief, nay conviction, of the soul's immortality, owes its existence to none of them nor to all of them.

"Reverently and humbly we believe that this belief in the human breast does not rest upon, but rises above all human teachings of all human religions, and rests upon divinely implanted knowledge vouchsafed the human heart itself, repeated and retold it with every heart beat that throbs its way back to its Creator and its God.

"Belief not bred of fear, nor born of terror; existing not because the soul shrinks back upon herself and startles at destruction—but rather because it is indeed the fire of

"Divinity that stirs within us—'Tis Heaven itself that points out an Hereafter—"

"Thus it is the soul securely feels, The stars may fade away, the Sun himself Grow dim with age, and Nature sink in years But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth

Unhurt amid the war of elements The wreck of matter and the crash of worlds."

"Such is the faith, such the belief taught, and such the golden crown of hope held out by our broadly Christian, broadly Catholic order. We do not believe that our faith of friendship, of Charity, of Brotherly Love, of Justice, and of Fidelity, nor the souls of those who accept and practice it, were born to die.

"In this belief, and as the hour now strikes, the great, warm heart of Elkdom throbs and pulses for its dead.

"And as we stand here with bared heads and sorrowing hearts beside the memory of our dead, almost half a million of our brothers throughout America likewise stand, and likewise grieve with us, as we wish them, for the comrades whose hands we have clasped, whose lives we have shared, who have smiled with our smiles and wept with our tears, and whose summons across the sunless and the tideless sea has come but a brief instant before our own.

As we publicly honor our honored dead and do reverence to our revered dead what a flood of memories sweeps in music o'er us:

"When the stream Which overflows the soul has passed away

A consciousness remains that it has left

Deposited upon the silent shore of memory

Images and precious thoughts That shall not die and cannot be strayed.

"Our hearts are stirred by thoughts which lie too deep for tears. We feel rising around us and encircling us as in an embrace the tender memories which invoke our tears and yet so strike upon the soul's deep cord of hope as to forbid a tear. With us our dead are indeed

"As sceptered sovereigns, who still rule

Our spirits from their urns—

and from them descends upon us, like a bright exhalation of the morning, the inspiration and sweet faith to sustain and strengthen us so that when our summons comes to join them and cross o'er that immortal sea which brought us hither, we can answer it clear-eyed, smiling and unafraid.

"So in triumphant hope, rather than in despair, in serene certitude and with neither doubt nor fear, as we mourn for the comrades who have crossed over—sons, brothers, husbands, fathers—yet is our sorrow nor the anguish of those with out hope nor our grief that of desolation. We mourn rather for ourselves and our loss, rather than for the dead.

"Our hearts mourn and our tears fall with and for the widow and the orphan, the parents and the sons, the sisters and the broth-

ers who remain and whose hearts ache for the touch of the vanished hands and whose ears long for the voices now stilled, rather, than for those who now sleep safe in their iron sleep; no pain can make them weep, nor sting of human anguish reach them there.

"No fine eulogy to the memory of our dead can fail to be, in truth and for higher degree an inspiration and exhortation to the living.

"Ye, against whose familiar names not yet The fatal asterisk of death is set, Ye I salute.

Where are the others? Voices from the deep

Caverns of darkness answer me; "They sleep!"

I name no names; instinctively I feel

Each at some well remembered grave will kneel.

And from the inscription wipe the weeds and moss,

For every heart best knoweth its own loss.

I see their scattered grave stones gleaming white

Through the pale dusk of the impending night

O'er all alike the impartial sunset throws

Its golden lilies mingled with the rose;

We give to each a tender thought, And pass out of the graveyards with their tangled grass."

One of the handsomest pieces of work ever turned out in this section is a game table or stand by W. A. Slavin, the cabinet maker.

This stand is a "thing of beauty" and will be a joy forever for the owner. Mr. Slavin has worked on it at odd times for a year or more just to see what he could do when he tried himself. The table or stand has a beautiful and highly polished top, made into squares for checkers or chess, the squares alternating of walnut and curly maple. Each leg is hand-carved with a different design and made from lumber from the old school building which was condemned and torn down. There are 476 different pieces in the table and nearly all the native woods are represented. Every piece is thoroughly dried and most of it very old. For instance, there are some sections from an old table that had been in the Gulland family 150 years, and there is some California redwood that was brought here from California by Thomas Arnold. Other woods represented are oak, ash, white pine, white birch, walnut, red birch, maple, elm, poplar, buckeye, butternut, basswood, cypress and red elm. A star is carved at the base of each leg. The top is all inlaid and a quarter of an inch of different wood around each square on the top, and under the top is a cabinet for keeping cards, dominoes, checkers or different kinds of games. The cabinet has a door with brass hinges and catch. At each corner on the top is a little bowl shaped receptacle. Mr. Slavin never will get paid for all the time and work spent on this specimen of handicraft, but he is willing to part with it.—Randolph Enterprise.

Clifton Forge, Va.—Luther L. Scherer, claim agent of the C. & O., who was shot on December 3, and very seriously wounded, is improving so fast that it is thought possible that he may be able to go to his home in Richmond for Christmas.

A negro named William Reynolds, an ex-convict, has confessed to shooting Mr. Scherer. Reynolds is a native of Petersburg, is thirty-four years old, and claims to be a coal miner. In 1904 he was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for shooting at Detective Richardson of Clifton Forge. He was released in 1910 and says that since that time he has been robbing cars. He says that on the night of December 3rd he was stealing a ride on a freight train, and in the bright moonlight he saw Scherer with some other men standing by the railway track and knowing them to be detectives he opened fire on them.

Huntington.—An amendment will be introduced at the coming session of the State legislature to close the last loophole in the Yost prohibition law and make the State really dry. The amendment will make it unlawful to give away drinks. When the original law was framed it was thought this feature was covered, but the courts of the state have decided that it was not unlawful to give drinks.

Virginia uses more wood for boxes and crates than any other state, followed by New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, and California in the order named.

Those familiar with the eastern mistletoe only have no idea of the great losses due to this parasite in the forests of the west, where it counts next to fire and insects in the amount of damage done.

CHRISTMAS

By ANNA L. PRICE.

The Christmas songs have oft been sung, And Christmas bells have oft been rung; But when the earth's best birthday wakes, Night is o'er past and morning breaks.

'Twas long ago one Christmas day From heaven the Christ child came this way, And opened wide Salvation's gate, For those who trust and love and wait.

The snow lies white upon the hill, And dewy ice is sparkling still; While evergreen in beauty stand, Tall and bedecked by Nature's hand.

Surely, they are our Christmas trees, Vocal with every passing breeze; As if the summer birds had come, To sing their Christmas songs at home.

Old age can tell of Christmas time Echoing still to joyous chime; While youth trips lightly o'er the scene, 'Neath mistletoe and holly green.

Young braves cut figures on the ice, And glassy slope coast in a trice; While parlor games bid all to share, 'Round Christmas trees transplanted there.

The happy seasons come and go, And if your Christmas gifts o'er flow; Remember the poor, the lone, the sad, Shelter and feed and make them glad.

Then, to another year you'll add, This Christmas, the best you ever had.

KELLISON IS CAPTAIN

John Kellison, Wesleyan's star tackle, and who is recognized by some of the experts as one of the best men in that position in southern football, was elected this week as captain of the Orange and Black team on the gridiron in 1915. The football squad was tendered a banquet the other night at Buckhannon and the occasion was a happy one. Members of the team presented the coaches, Mount Pleasant and Garlow, with foot balls of gold and silver and gold loving cup to Harry A. Stansbury athletic manager, as a token of regard and appreciation that the Boosters have for his untiring efforts in behalf of the success of the Wesleyan teams. There was also a pair of gold cufflinks presented to John Kellison in appreciation of his great work on the Championship Wesleyan team this and past years. All the men will be back with the exception of Stansbury, and it is not yet known whether he will be at the head of Wesleyan athletics next year or not. Neither is it known whether the same coaches will again be at the helm, but it is understood that these men will again be in the same places.

Next year will be Kellison's Senior year in college and he is an exponent of many phases of college life besides football and the men of the squad and the students are proud that he will lead the team in his last year in Wesleyan. He has been an all-state tackle for the past three years and has many times shown that he is the best football player in the state, his work in the recent W. V. U. Wesleyan game being almost superhuman. He is very popular among his fellow students and will make a great leader next year.—Charleston Mail.

Greenbank.—On last Friday evening the Greenbank and Dunmore graded schools engaged in a quiet little spelling contest. Both sides showed fine skill and school spirit. Greenbank had the decided advantage, having twelve out of thirteen pupils left on the floor to Dunmore's seven.

Washington.—The question of submitting a constitutional amendment to the states prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the United States, will be voted on in the House of Representatives next Tuesday December 22. As soon thereafter as possible the women suffrage amendment will be taken up.

A log raft containing one million feet of cedar, said to be the largest ever floated on the Pacific, recently made the trip from British Columbia to Puget Sound. It was 100 feet long and 70 feet wide; it stood 15 feet out of the water and 20 feet under.

The largest freight receipts at the Marlinton depot any month of year were those of the month of November.

The Evans barber shop has been moved to the pool room in the Odd Fellow-Woodman Building.

COUNTY COURT

The county court was in special session Tuesday, with all the commissioners present. District road man Beard and Kesler, of Greenbank, Hevener Dilley of Huntersville, and K. O. Wade of the Levels districts were also present. All road and bridge claims were brought up to date and paid in full. The new concrete arch bridge across Thomas Creek was reported complete and apparently a good piece of work, although construction was carried rather late in the season for this of construction.

A considerable number of fire and other bills were allowed, the rate for fire fighting being continued as heretofore at \$1.00 per day. Among those who draw pay for fighting forest fires were a number of ladies. Sarah B. Slaven had five days to her credit; Sarah, Nancy and Alice Collins each three and a half days, and a number of others one day each.

S. L. Brown qualified as clerk of the county court, and on January 1 will take up the duties of this office laid down six years ago, and which are so familiar and congenial to him.

B. B. Williams qualified as superintendent of schools, and enters on his second term of office in this capacity.

Rev. O. P. McNeil qualified as justice of the peace in Huntersville district.

N. C. McNeil tendered his resignation as overseer of the poor in Edray district, on account of his long continued spell of ill health, which resignation was accepted by the court. This is an office which carries with it no emoluments and much thankless labor. Like some other departments of government, the one having to do with public charities in the county is in need of attention by the state legislatures, and the duties and responsibilities more clearly defined.

H. M. Lockridge appeared in behalf of G. W. Huntley in the matter of the road built by Mr. Huntley one year ago. Some additional work has been done on this road recently by Mr. Huntley and the road is now tendered to the county for the sum of \$1,600. The Sportsman's Association and the Springs Hotel Company have each offered to give \$100 as part compensation to Mr. Huntley for losses sustained in building this road, when accepted by the county. The court refused to close for \$1600, but agreed to visit this road once more during the present month, to see if terms agreeable to both parties can be arranged.

HILLSBORO HIGH BRIEFS

The following pupils were elected by the Browning society to represent it in the second annual intersociety contest this year. Debate: Affirmative—Carl Bruffey and Charles Marshall; oration: Ulric Grimes; essay: Hallie Burr; and reading: Bradford Grimes.

To represent the Shakespeare society the following were elected: Debate: Negative—Walter Williams and Lynn Overholt; oration: Ruth Kline; essay: William Cackley, and reading: Mary Agnes Sydenstricker.

During the past week about one hundred volumes were added to the library, covering the subjects of fiction, history, science, mathematics, and education.

The old church has just been rented for basket ball practice. School will close on December the twenty-third for the Christmas holidays, to open the first Monday in January—the fourth.

The high school has increased so that an additional room has been necessary, consequently the basement has been fitted up, and the laboratory apparatus has been moved into it.

In the holiday rush of pleasure and business, don't forget the appearance of the Totten Company on December 21, at 8 o'clock p. m. Both as a magician and an impersonator Dr. Totten ranks with the first of his class. Be sure to see them.

Two of the high school alumni will return to Hillsboro for the holidays: Bertha Overholt, '13 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Overholt, and Henry Beard '14, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beard.

General Manager Paris of the R. & E. Telephone System, tells us phones have been installed in the residences of the town sergeant and the fire chief, and in the power house.

Staunton, Va.—The state of Virginia will send a ship load of provisions to the war and famine stricken people of Belgium. The county of Augusta and city of Staunton contributed a car load of flour, consisting of 340 barrels. The Chesapeake & Ohio is hauling all contributions to this cause free of charge.

BEAR HUNTING

Uncle Henry Gilmer and his son Sam, of Lewisburg, who have been on the head of Tea Creek, hunting for bear, came in Tuesday. They stayed at one of the camps of the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company, and they say that on Tuesday morning everything was frozen in the camp except the coffee pot, and it was on the stove with a fire under it. The thermometer was eleven below zero at Marlinton that morning and the camp is at an elevation of four thousand feet or more. They got no bear started, as it stormed from the day they went in until they came out, when there was two feet of snow on the ground and fifty feet of snow above ground. There had been bear in the woods as the sign was plentiful but they got none started. The bears were lying in storm beds in the laurel. Mr. Gilmer maintains and had not gone to hole for the winter. He has observed that bears do not den up until the sun crosses the line and the days begin to lengthen, no matter how severe the weather may be. Mr. Gilmer had a pack of four dogs, two tried and true hounds he had brought in Kentucky, and two Ayredales. The latter are famous fighters and hunters, but he has not yet had the opportunity of trying them on a bear.

MARLINTON HOSPITAL

Though the Marlinton General Hospital will not be formally open until January 1st, emergency cases are now being taken in, and the hospital is pretty well filled up.

Frank Floyd and the little child of Dexter Sharp, who had pneumonia, were able to go home this week.

Arthur Gibson, of Greenbrier, and Clarence Tabor of Cheat Mountain are being treated at the hospital.

"Dad" Woodyard, a woodsman employed by the Warn Lumber Co., at Raywood, is lying up at the hospital with a badly cut shin bone.

Joe Collins, a woodsman, is recovering from a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Sam Kanepp, who has worked in the Pocahontas lumber woods the past thirty years, is being treated for locomotor ataxia.

Lillie Jackson, aged 11 years, daughter of William Jackson, is in the hospital.

The lumber industry of the Greenbrier Valley looks to be in a good way to get better. Orders are coming and many of them at prices with an advance of the rate that prevailed at the outbreak of the war in Europe. Probably one third of the hardwood lumber cut in this valley is for exportation, and for this lumber there has been no demand at all on account of the uncertainty of ocean shipments, and unsettled conditions abroad. However, a reasonable rate of insurance can now be had and the clearing of the sea of German battleships opens the markets of France and Great Britain. The two products hit hardest by the war seems to have been cotton and lumber. Cotton shipments moved first, but lumber seems to be following closely. The over production of lumber not being so great as that of cotton or rather the curtailment of the lumber cut being possible, the price of lumber did not fall as did the price of cotton.

The Marlinton Basket Ball Team on their trip to Tygarts Valley last week were beaten at Elkins by a score of 63 to 29, and by Beverly 17 to 5.

What Red Cross Seals Do. Every Red Cross Christmas Seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life. They provided for many visiting nurses, whose hundreds of thousands of visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients. They helped maintain dispensaries in scores of cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice. They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis. They have established and helped to maintain more than 300 open-air schools for children who need open-air treatment. These are just a few of the ways in which the \$450,000 received last year was expended. This year a million dollars is needed. Surely any one can help by buying at least ten seals. Red Cross Seals are on sale at the Marlinton Drug Store.

Our Shoe and Rubber Department

is large and we think complete. Heavy weight Genuine A. A. Cutter's at \$7.50, Spring Heels Chippewa Falls Caulked at 7.50. A big line of Wood's boots and shoes water-turners; Bostonians that wear and give comfort and satisfaction.

B. F. Goodrich famous white and red rubber boots and shoes that wear nearly like iron.

A full line of John Rich's woollens that will wear; keep you warm and dry.

I have prices that are hard to match. Come and see.

J. A. HOOVER, Clothier
Marlinton - - - - - W. Va.

County Clerk John Howard Wells got into communication yesterday with Sam Hayes of Parkersburg, Internal Revenue Collector, regarding the war revenue stamps to be placed on deeds. All deeds must now bear the full amount of the consideration under this law, and not \$10 and other valuable considerations as has been the custom. A stamp valued at 50 cents will be placed on all deeds that range in consideration from \$100 to \$500, and for each additional \$500 or fraction thereof another 50 cents will be attached. The county clerk is desirous that people shall understand this point of the ruling, so that trouble will not be experienced when the deeds are presented for record.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

Morgantown.—One of the results of the European war has been a revival of watch crystal manufacturing here. Watch crystals have been made principally in Germany. Attempts to make them in this district fifteen years ago failed. The war, however, shut off the supply and a local glass company is now turning out 12,000 crystals a day. Polishing machines brought from Europe fifteen years ago and later abandoned have been put to use again. The quality is said to be good.

W. B. Hines is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. S. Hebben, under date of Nov. 24, in which he stated that he was then in the South of England, but expected to be ordered to the front, either in France or Belgium, before Christmas. He has taken special training in handling machine guns and will have command of a gun of that class when he goes to the front. Mrs. Hebben and Jack are at Mr. Hebben's home in Scarborough, England.—White Sulphur Sentinel.

The Ronceverte & Elkins Telephone centrals will observe Sunday hours both on Christmas and New Years days.



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